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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 19 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone

Briefing by the Secretariat

Iraq (S/1999/1162 and S/1999/1180)*

Other matters

Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 58th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/445) [35]

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/619) [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations [20 (a)]:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/154 and Add.1)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.17/Rev.1)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [20 (b)]:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/129/Rev.1, A/54/130/Rev.1, A/54/153, A/54/278, A/54/294, A/54/295, A/54/296, A/54/350, A/54/421, A/54/462, A/54/534)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.29)

   (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster [20 (c)]:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/449)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.22)

   (d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/217) [20 (d)]

   (e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/134) [20 (e)]

3 p.m. 59th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/619) [20]:

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

1. Report of the coordinators/facilitators on the status of consultations on the following draft proposals:

   A/C.2/54/L.4 (Science and technology); A/C.2/54/L.5 (Operational activities); A/C.2/54/L.6 (Technical cooperation among developing countries); A/C.2/54/L.7 (Conservation of forestry of Central Africa); A/C.2/54/ L.9 (Development through partnership); A/C.2/ 54/L.10 (Human resources); A/C.2/54/L.11 (International Conference on Migration); A/C.2/54/L.13 (Habitat II); A/C.2/54/ L.14 (Agenda 21); A/C.2/54/L.16 (World Solar Programme); A/C.2/54/L.17 (UNEP); A/C.2/54/L.20 (International development strategy); A/C.2/54/L.21 (Women in development); A/C.2/54/L.26 (Turin College); A/C.2/54/ L.27 (Industrial Development of Africa); A/C.2/54/L.28 (International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction); A/C.2/54/L.29 (El Niño); A/C.2/54/L.30 (UNITAR); A/C.2/54/L.31(Economic and Social Council)

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.9 *(item 99 (g))*, A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.35 *(item 98 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.36, L.37 and L.40 *(item 97 (c))*, A/C.2/54/L.38 *(item 97 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.26 and L.30 *(item 102)* and A/C.2/54/L.31 *(item 12)*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.91, L.94, L.95 and L.99

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114] (A/54/18 and Add.1)

3. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.62 and amendments in L.101, L.71/Rev.1, L.79, L.83, L.84 and L.85*

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.58, L.60 and amendments in L.92, L.63, L.76, L.81 and amendments in L.93, L.82 and amendments in L.97, L.86 and amendments in L.96 and L.87/Rev.1

4. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.3/54/L.100

5. Closure of the work of the session

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* Reissued for technical reasons.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work
2. Human resources management [164] (A/53/955, A/54/257, A/54/272, A/54/276, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/54/2, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/54/164, A/54/165, A/C.5/54/4, A/C.5/54/21 and A/54/450)

   Introduction and general discussion
3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

   Human resources management [164]

   Gratis personnel (A/53/1028, A/54/470 and A/54/533)

   Introduction and general discussion
4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

   Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/54/30) (A/54/434)

   Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999

   (A/54/443 and A/54/7/Add.2)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [152] (A/C.6/54/L.12)
2. Establishment of an international criminal court [158]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.8/Rev.1
3. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [152]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.19
4. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [153]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.14
5. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/C.6/54/L.21)

   Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. UNCTAD
2. Steps taken with the United Nations system and with Member States to resolve the Year 2000 date conversion of computers

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.21 (Women in development) (item 99 (c)) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 19 November 1999

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on all pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 22 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 60th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [40]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.31)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/461)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.28)

(c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas":

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.62)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	55th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	56th meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by *today*, 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 110 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women))* on Monday, 22 November 1999, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Special meeting

There will be a (closed) meeting of an Ad Hoc Expert Group on "Revisiting the Diversification of African Economies in the New Global Context", organized by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), from 22 to 24 November, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Ademola Oyedije, Professor of Economics at the University of Ibadan (Nigeria) and former member of the Committee for Development Policy. For further information, please contact Ms. Leslie Wade (tel: (212) 963-4420).

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Panel discussions

A panel entitled "NGOs for Women 2000 (Beijing+5): Setting Targets", organized by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mrs. Yakin Ertürk, Director of the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Mrs. Patricia Flor, Chair, Commission on the Status of Women, Mrs. Christine Kapalata, Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania, and Mrs. Rose Odera, Chair, Preparatory Committee for Beijing+5, will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are welcome to attend.

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The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President, World Bank, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

56th plenary meeting

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/311 and A/54/355)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.24/Rev.1 and A/54/L.27)

The representative of Colombia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L. 24/Rev.1.

The representative of Honduras made a statement.

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.27.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Norway, India, Venezuela, Japan, the United States, Brazil, Canada, Argentina, Uruguay and Spain.

The General Assembly was informed that it would take action on draft resolutions A/54/L.24/Rev.1 and A/54/L.27 at a later date to allow time for the review of their programme budget implications.

University for Peace [21]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/312)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.30)

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement in the course of which she introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/54/L.30.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Argentina, Bangladesh and Haiti.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.30, as orally revised (resolution 54/29).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 21.

57th plenary meeting

Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/445) [35]

The General Assembly decided to hear the observers of the Holy See and Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 35.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Croatia, Norway, the United States, Thailand, San Marino, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Canada, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, France, Egypt, the Sudan, Mozambique, Japan, China, the Russian Federation, Nicaragua, Pakistan and Peru.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

24th meeting

Questions relating to information [91]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Ethiopia, Liberia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cameroon, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Malaysia, the United States and Indonesia.

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of his position before the decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions A and B and the draft decision contained in documents A/54/21 and Add.1.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 91.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the African States), Viet Nam (on behalf of the Asian States) and Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European States).

SECOND COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.38

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Mexico.

(c) Trade and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.36

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.37

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uzbekistan.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.40

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(b) Business and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.34

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Japan and Norway.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.35

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.24

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Chairman of the Committee read out an amendment to the draft resolution and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.12 and L.33

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu, (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.33 and orally corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 51st meeting

Advancement of women [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Guyana announced that Croatia, the United Kingdom and Luxembourg had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the Dominican Republic orally corrected the text.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 109.

Human rights questions [116]

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.80

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of the introduction.

It was announced that Afghanistan, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Austria, Germany, Malta and Panama joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Haiti made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

52nd meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.94

The representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Guinea, Mauritania and Turkey, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.95

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belarus, Brazil, Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Latvia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Paraguay, the Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname and Venezuela, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, India withdrew as sponsor of the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.99

The representative of Algeria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Croatia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.85

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, introduced the draft resolution.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.86

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Japan, Pakistan and Poland introduced the draft resolution.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic proposed an oral amendment to the text.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.87/Rev.1

The representative of Canada introduced and orally revised the revised draft resolution.

Introduction of amendment to A/C.3/54/L.86 contained in A/C.3/54/L.96

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced and orally revised the amendment to the draft resolution.

Introduction of amendment to A/C.3/54/L.82 contained in A/C.3/54/L.97

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the amendment to the draft resolution.

Introduction of amendment to A/C.3/54/L.81 contained in A/C.3/54/L.98

The representative of the United States withdrew the amendment to the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/54/L.67

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Sri Lanka had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement during the course of which he requested a separate recorded vote on the tenth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Mexico.

The representative of Sri Lanka withdrew his country from the list of sponsors.

The Committee adopted the tenth preambular paragraph by a recorded vote of 121 to 1, with 19 abstentions.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as a whole, without a vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Singapore.

A/C.3/54/L.70

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Kazakhstan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The representatives of Norway and Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia – and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland) made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 93 to none, with 63 abstentions

The representatives of Lebanon, Argentina, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, Chile, Mexico and Liechtenstein made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

A/C.3/54/L.72

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral corrections that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction, as well as a statement by the Controller.

It was announced that Canada and Malta had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Cambodia made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/54/L.73

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Madagascar had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote, after which a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

A/C.3/54/L.74

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Nigeria and Madagascar had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Nigeria withdrew as sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 78 to 57, with 14 abstentions.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

A/C.3/54/L.75

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Madagascar had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 88 to 1, with 68 abstentions

The representatives of Chile and Mexico made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

The representative of Cuba then made a statement.

A/C.3/54/L.77

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Greece, Ireland, Jordan, the Philippines and Tunisia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cameroon, Croatia, Cyprus, El Salvador, Guatemala, Ghana, Nigeria, the Republic of Moldova, the Sudan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/54/L.78

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Canada orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that France, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Panama joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The representative of India made a statement.

Human rights questions [116]

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Liechtenstein and Malta had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Jordan made a statement.

The representatives of Egypt, El Salvador, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Yemen made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 60 to 41, with 53 abstentions.

The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Guatemala, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Japan, Brazil and the Philippines made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Note: The summary of the 35th meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/224).

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FOR THE YEAR 2000 1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly (Namibia) opened the meeting and made a statement. The UNHCR Director for Communications and Information made a statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the representatives of Denmark, Germany, Sweden, Malaysia, Hungary, Turkey, Thailand, Algeria, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Japan, Norway, the Netherlands, the United States and Switzerland.

The Chairman announced that pledges had also been received from Benin, China, Ghana, Monaco, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

A closing statement was made by the UNHCR Director for Communications and Information.

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COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES 425th meeting

Review of a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Argentina, Japan, Chile, Kenya, France, Bahamas, Jamaica, the Russian Federation, Austria and Algeria. Statements were also made by the Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, and the Chief, Central Planning and Coordination Service, Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services.

The Committee remained seized of the matter.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1999

407th meeting

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

408th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the initial report of the Kyrgyz Republic and continued its consideration of the initial report of Uzbekistan.

The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 405th meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1999

34th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Bulgaria (E/1994/104/Add.16) in closed meeting.

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Argentina (E/1990/6/Add.16).

35th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Argentina (E/1990/6/Add.16). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Ratification: Slovenia (17 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

The fourth United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "Mirror or Map?: The Impact of Television on Peace and Development", organised by the Department of Information (DPI), with the support of the Permanent Missions of Italy and Japan to the United Nations, will continue *today*, 19 November 1999.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., three parallel workshops will take place as follows: a news workshop on "From the Front Lines: News Reporting of Armed Conflicts", in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; an education workshop on "Enhance, Enlighten and Enrich: Balancing Education and Entertainment in Children's Programming", in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and a development workshop on "Myths and Opportunities: Globalization Means New Markets to Some and Cultural Imperialism to Others", in Conference Room 4.

The closing plenary session will take place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibit

The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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